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SUMMARY: BERLIN'S CITIZENS' INITIATIVE GROUPS HAVE HELD
A PRELIMINARY MEETING TO CONSIDER MOUNTING A CITY WIDE
CAMPAIGN FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. A FINAL DE-
CISION WILL BE MADE IN MID-JULY, BUT ALL INDICATIONS ARE
THE CI'S WILL CONTEST THE HOUSE ELECTION AS A "BUNTE LISTE."
END SUMMARY.

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1. DELEGATES FROM 63 BERLIN CITIZENS INITIATIVE GROUPS,
(CI'S) WOMENS CLUBS, OTHER ORGANIZATION MET IN BERLIN
JUNE 27 AND DECLARED THEIR GENERAL INTENTION TO CAMPAIGN
JOINTLY FOR THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE
MARCH 1979 ELECTIONS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CI'S WAS
HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ROLAND VOIGT, ONE OF THE

THREE CHAIRMEN OF THE "NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' INITIATIVES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION." DOMINANT IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WERE GROUPS WHICH DEMAND ALTERNATIVE POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESENT ENERGY, TRAFFIC AND HEALTH. BERLIN'S HAVE BEEN TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF A JOINT ELECTION PLATFORM FOR SOME TIME; THE SPECUTACULAR SUCCESS OF THE UNITED CI'S IN THE RECENT LANDTAG ELECTIONS IN HAMBURG AND LOWER SAXONY MOVED THEM TO ACTION.

2. DURING THEIR INITIAL ASSEMBLY THE CI'S SET UP A 20 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONAL AND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO CENTRALIZE ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATE THE VARIOUS INTERESTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CI'S AND OTHER GROUPS, GATHER INFORMATION AND PREPARE THE NEXT MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN MID-JULY.

3. AT THE JULY MEETING THE CI'S ARE TO DECIDE DEFINITELY WHETHER TO CAMPAIGN FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR WHETHER TO RESTRICT THEMSELVES TO CONTESTING SEATS FOR THE DISTRICT (BEZIRK) ASSEMBLIES. IF THE DECISION TO RUN CITY WIDE IS POSITIVE, THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WILL ESTABLISH A JOINT ELECTION PLATFORM. THE CI'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ALSO HOPES TO DECIDE BY THE JULY MEETING WHETHER COMMUNIST GROUPS ARE TO BE ACCEPTED AS PART OF THE PROPOSED BERLIN "BUNTE LISTE." PRESENTLY THERE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISAGREEMENT AMONG BERLIN'S CI'S ON THIS SUBJECT. AT LEAST TWO GROUPS (CI OVERHAVER AND "WAEHLERGEMEINSCHAFT STEGLITZ") HAVE SAID OPENLY THAT THEY WOULD REFUSE TO COOPERATE IF COMMUNIST GROUPS ARE PERMITTED IN THE "BUNTE LISTE" BECAUSE THEY FEAR THE K-GROUPS WILL ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP OF THE "BUNTE LISTE" AND SCARE OFF THE LOCAL RANK AND FILE MEMBERS OF CI'S AND OTHERS SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR CAUSE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE FINAL DECISION WHETHER TO CAMPAIGN FOR THE BERLIN HOUSE AS WELL AS FOR THE DISTRICT LEVEL ASSEMBLIES HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, ALL SIGNS INDICATE THAT BERLIN'S CI'S ARE PREPARED TO DO SO. BERLIN'S CDU HAS WATCHED THE COALESCING OF THE CI'S WITH GROWING, IF PUBLICALLY RESERVED, APPROVAL BECAUSE THE OPPOSITION IS CONVINCED A BUNTE LISTE WILL DRAW A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF VOTES AWAY FROM BOTH THE SPD AND FDP BUT RELATIVELY FEW FROM THE CDU. THE FDP AND SPD HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON THE PROPOSED BERLIN BUNTE LISTE IN PUBLIC THUS FAR, BUT WE KNOW FROM PARTY LEADERS THAT BOTH ARE CONCERNED BY THE PROSPECTS OF A CITY WIDE CI ORGANIZATION CONTESTING THE ELECTION.DAVIS

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